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FORMER DUBOIS COUNTY COUPLE SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR INCOME TAX EVASION AND FAILURE TO FILE TAX RETURNS

PRESS RELEASE

INDIANAPOLIS - Lisa J. Sorrell, age 42, a former resident of Dubois County, Ind., was sentenced to 30 months in prison today by U.S. District Chief Judge Richard L. Young following her guilty plea to one count of tax evasion. Christopher G. Sorrell, age 42, also a former resident of Dubois County Ind. was sentenced to 24 months following his guilty plea to two counts of failure to file a tax return. This case was the result of a lengthy investigation by the Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation Division.

The Sorrells admitted that they evaded the assessment of income tax for the years 2002, 2003 and 2004 by failing to file income tax returns and committing affirmative acts of evasion. The Sorrells owned a profitable wholesale turkey feather company with locations in Indiana and North Carolina. From 2002 through 2004 they earned approximately \$1.4 million. They evaded taxes by using shell corporations, warehouse banks, and family members as nominees. As a result of their conviction, the Sorrells paid \$417,291 of back taxes prior to sentencing and owe an additional \$76,490 as restitution ordered by Judge Young.

According to Assistant U.S. Attorney Todd S. Shellenbarger and Department of Justice Trial Attorney Kimberly M. Shartar, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge Young also imposed three years supervised release following Lisa Sorrell's release from prison. Christopher Sorrell will be on supervised release for one year following his release. During his period of supervised release, Christopher Sorrell is prohibited from gambling. In addition, the Sorrells must make restitution of \$76,490 and cooperate with the Internal Revenue Service regarding any other tax liabilities.

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